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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/803,296	Applicant(s) HANSEN, LAURA PROWELL	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of invention III, claims 15-20 in the reply filed on January 17, 2007 is acknowledged. Claims 1- 14 withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a nonelected invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 15 – 18, 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Limonad (US 5,983,587).

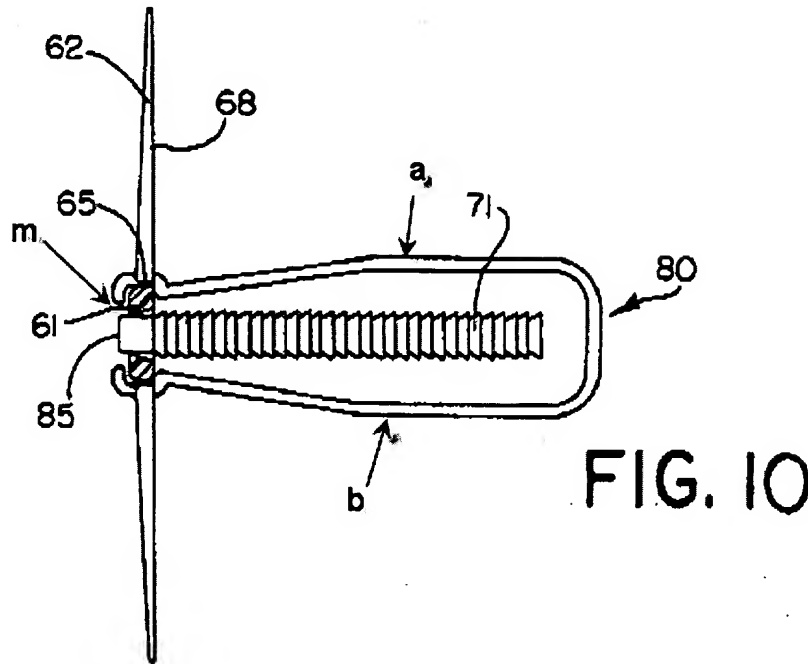
Regarding claim 15, Limonad discloses a cover (68); a plurality of appendages (62) attached to the cover; and an activation mechanism (m) coupled to the plurality of appendages having at least two legs (a, b), (Figures 9, 12, annotated Figure 10).

Regarding claim 16, Limonad discloses the activation mechanism (m) has a pair of legs (a, b) that are separable, (annotated Figure 10), (Column 4, Lines 30-36).

Regarding claim 17 Limonad discloses the at least two legs (a, b) are deformable, (annotated Figure 10), (Column 4, Lines 56-57).

Regarding claim 18 Limonad discloses the at least two legs (a, b) are formed by a loop, (annotated Figure 10).

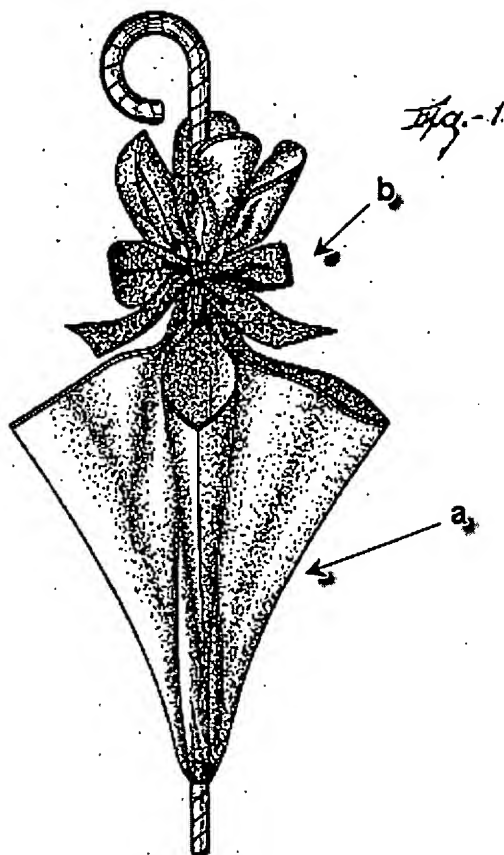
Regarding claim 20, Limonad discloses the pair of legs (a, b) that are made of wire, (annotated Figure 10).



Limonad (US 5,983,587)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Limonad (US 5,983,587) in view of Roberts (US D126, 990). Limonad discloses as discussed above, but does not disclose the plurality of appendages being attached to a gift bow. However, Roberts teaches a parasol having the plurality of appendages (a) being attached to a gift bow (b), (annotated Figure 1, Figure 2). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the arts at the time of the applicant's invention to modify the parasol of Limonad to have a gift bow as taught by Roberts in order to provide an ornamental object.



Roberts (US D126, 990)

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ma (US 5002,080) teaches a parasol having a cover, appendages and two legs; Haut (US 3,325,955) teaches a parasol having a cover, appendages and two legs.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adriana Figueroa whose telephone number is 571-272-8281. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 571-272-6867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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